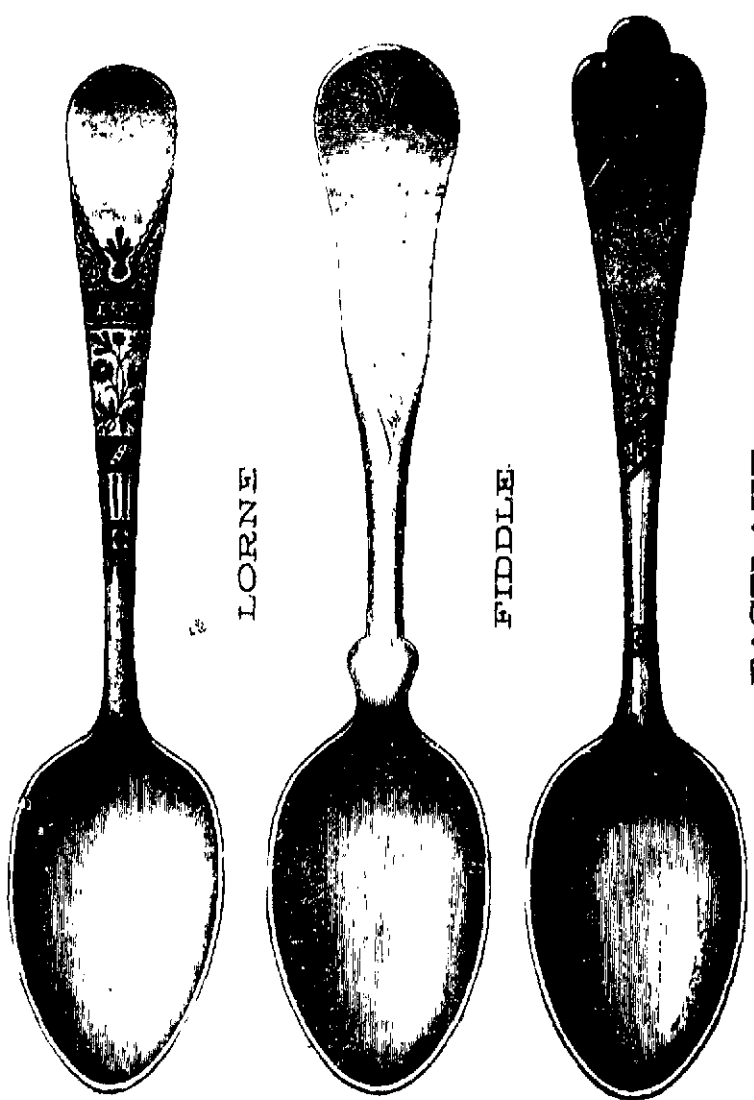


HOLIDAY BARGAINS!



Cut out this Price List and preserve it, as we will have to talk to you about something else.

Fiddle or Plain Pattern--5 Ounce or Extra Plate.

TEA SPOONS Not price, \$2.12 per dozen or \$1.07 per set.
TABLE SPOONS Not price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$2.13 per set.
TABLE FORKS Not price, \$1.25 per dozen or \$2.13 per set.

Eastlake and Lorne Patterns--Both Fancy.

FIVE OUNCE OR EXTRA PLATE.
TEA SPOONS Not price, \$2.37 per dozen or \$1.19 per set.
TABLE SPOONS Not price, \$1.75 per dozen or \$2.38 per set.
TABLE FORKS Not price, \$1.75 per dozen or \$2.38 per set.

Fiddle or Plain Pattern--12 Ounce or Triple Plate.

TEA SPOONS Not price, \$3.37 per dozen or \$1.60 per set.
TABLE SPOONS Not price, \$2.75 per dozen or \$3.38 per set.
TABLE FORKS Not price, \$2.75 per dozen or \$3.38 per set.

Eastlake and Lorne Patterns--Both Fancy.

TWELVE OUNCE OR TRIPLE PLATE.
TEA SPOONS Not price, \$3.37 per dozen or \$1.60 per set.
TABLE SPOONS Not price, \$2.75 per dozen or \$3.38 per set.
TABLE FORKS Not price, \$2.75 per dozen or \$3.38 per set.

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LEADING JEWELERS OF ILLINOIS.

CITY BOOK STORE.
Blank Books,
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J. H. BEVANS,
No. 122 Merchant St., DECATUR.
Adv. 29--d&w

CHAMPION MONITOR.
We Greet our Patrons by Wishing Them All
A Happy New Year!

And in this connection desire to return our thanks for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us during 1883. During the first year in our new location our business has far exceeded our most sanguine expectations, and now with a largely increased stock of Hardware, Mantels, Grates, &c., and the largest and best stock of STOVES in the county, it shall be our aim, through fair dealing and courteous treatment, to merit an increased patronage during 1884.

Ferguson & Dillehunt,
125 North Water St.
ROUND OAK. JEWELL.

Merry Christmas!
And right merry it shall be for all our friends and customers if Low Prices, Nice Goods and prompt attention will make them so.
Our Store full of New and Beautiful Goods for Holiday Trade. Hundreds of choice and suitable articles for Christmas and New Year's Gifts. CLOAKS, SHAWLS, DRESS GOODS, SILKS, VELVETS, PLUSHES, HANDKERCHIEFS, NECKWEAR, LACES, EMBROIDERIES, NOTIONS, FANCY GOODS, KID GLOVES, SILK MITTENS, HOSIERY, Etc., Etc. All goods in the Millinery Department at half value to close the season. Handmade Patterns, Turbans, Toggles, Felts, made Hats, Planes, Tips, Birds, Ornaments, Etc., Etc. See and price our goods.
S. G. HATCH & BRO.,
148 East Main Street, Powers' Block.
Dec. 17--d&w

The Daily Republican.

TERMS.
Per week, payable to Carrier, 10 Cts.
One year, in advance, \$5.00
Six Months, 2.50
Three Months, 1.50
WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN. 2, 1884

LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

We have just returned from New York with new prices on Rogers Bros. 1847 Knives. See us.
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.
Roller skating again to-morrow night.
UNIVERSAL SOCIABLE to-morrow evening.

The Decatur Pension Board met today to do business.

Tickets for the Conservatory concert at Curtis & Co's.

House thieves are working Christmas county.

The Spanish duties will trip before the footlights this eve.

Putzer shooting gallery, opposite post office.

Holders of course tickets can get their reserved seat checks at Curtis' to-morrow afternoon for the Burbank entertainment.

F. D. CALDWELL can furnish you any kind of wood on short notice.

Coccy is in session again and will now hold on tightly until the middle of February. Two weeks from Friday the criminal cases will be called up for trial.

San Lark, 130 North Water street--machine iron 1 slide, 10 cents, collars 3 cents, cuffs 5 cents per pair. Dec 11-17

The postoffice corner looked decidedly gloomy last evening after 3 o'clock. The letter carriers were all enjoying a "half day off."

Those patent collar couplers at J. W. Tyler, Jr's are given away with every set of harness purchased of Tyler.

DeHaver, Abel & Lucke's decorator, will show you the nobby patterns of transformed window decorations. 17-22w

"ARRANGED TO MARRY THE QUEEN." I wish him joy; but that's his ally. He's a blackhead and she's a flirt. See "Sleeping Queen" at the opera house Thursday night.

CHUNKS always on hand at Geo. Ehrhart's wood yard. Dec 37-11m

J. B. BUDZMAN, the undertaker, has the finest carriages and teams to let for weddings, parties, calls and funerals, to be found in the west. Elegant turnouts every one of them. Leave orders at Bulfinch's, Telephone 125. Dec 20-21d

This afternoon are getting ready for the regular January meeting of the city council. It takes a good deal of extra committee work to arrange for a regular session of the municipal legislation.

Deal with Niedermyer on the mound. He will family groceries and feed of all kinds.

F. D. CALDWELL has the best grades of hard coal.

Quite a number of local noddies were out gunning yesterday. A. T. Summers got a squirrel and two rabbits, probably at the riding market price.

The latest New York success, Harrison's "Mistley's Infatuation," will make us feel good and console us all to laugh next Tuesday night. We'll all be there--can't miss it.

Cats at Banks & Patterson's new store in Whitmer's block for family groceries in great variety. Also stock feed.

The boys and girls are glad again. More snow, and sleighing better than ever. This is the third week of sleighing.

Thin people are learning with a reasonable degree of rapidity that Peter Ullrich's No. 2 and No. 4 are all and more than is claimed for them.

Excursion Dainties for 1884, and the Lancaster Almanac, at the City Book Store.

The owner of the Mt. Palaski coal mine claims the discovery of a vein of coal seven feet in thickness. It was obtained thirty-eight feet below the one now being worked.

D. F. HAMMER is building a splendid light buggy for a St. Louis man, and it is a daisy.

"SLEEPING QUEEN" at the opera house Thursday and Friday nights. Queen, Miss Mattie Trowbridge; Maid of Honor, Mrs. Nellie Brady; Don Phillip, Wm. Westhoff; Regent, G. V. Demarest; accompanist, Miss Lou Knipe.

Mrs. W. W. and Children's Artistic Overcoats, at BARKER & BAKER'S.

An elegant array of Haines Bros. pianos and a full line of musical merchandise will be found at C. B. Prescott's parlor in opera block.

Give Dr. Price's Special Flavoring Extracts a fair trial, and if they please you, recommend them to your neighbor; if not, return them and have your money refunded, and denounce them as vile impostures. We have no fears of your not being satisfied as their popularity and extensive sale has been from their perfect purity and quality.

LADIES' SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

ALWAYS call for Schroeder's popular Bohemian cigars and you will get reliable nickel smokers.

The other day Officer Hartley called up a party and served a subpoena by telephone. He read every word on the paper, and the party at the other end of the wire listened patiently; and at the close he answered: "I'll come right off," and he did. Not every man would answer so quickly.

The new feed store established by Tuller & Parks is the place to go for stock feed. Sold cheap.

Do not suffer with cold, you can by a suit of underwear at John Lewis's White Front, for 75 cents.

An elegant assortment of gent's fine embroidered night shirts at B. Stine's. 11

LADIES' SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

Five Shippers: Christmas present--J. W. Baker.

LADIES' SHOES: low prices; J. W. Baker

During the Holidays Abel & Lucke offer an elegant line of Hugs at much less than value. 17-22w

Hard and Soft Coal at Martin's. Nov 21-21d

What everybody says, must be true. Flory is a perfect anatomist in fitting the human form divine. O. P. O. H. Corner old square. 11

Season Shoes: low prices; J. W. Baker

A BLOODY FIND.

Philip Caspar, a Pauper, Cuts His Throat With a Corn Knife.

This morning early Steward W. J. Magee in charge of the Macon county poor farm buildings found one of the paupers, Philip Caspar, the well-known German butcher, lying cold and dead in the corn-crib on the place. His throat had been cut with a corn knife that had been left in the crib, and it was found near the feet of the suicide. He had bled to death, and had evidently been dead five or six hours. The paupers at the farm know that Caspar got out of his bed last evening after retiring for the night, and was tramping about mumbling to himself as was his custom until after 12 o'clock, when the walking ceased and it was supposed that he had returned to his bed. But instead of doing this, he had gone to the corn crib and ended his troubles by taking his own life the first day of the new year.

The suicide was well-known to our people, some of whom had given him the name of the "crazy butcher." He was a tall, shrewd looking man, with long black hair and beard, and while at liberty he went about early and late wearing greasy clothes and haunting butcher shops and slaughter houses. He frequently quarreled with small boys on the streets and has been in the local courts on several occasions. He was finally taken to the poor farm about two months ago. His age was 63. He has no relatives in this section.

Coroner Bandure was notified of the suicide of Caspar, and this afternoon (last) officer went out to the poor farm to hold the inquest.

600 Ladies Victors.

Mrs. M. R. Hall, of the Woman's Relief Corps, this city, is of the opinion that there will be fully 600 lady visitors here from all parts of the state, in attendance at the meeting of the Department of the Illinois G. A. R. posts, to be held here on the 20th and 21st. These ladies will meet to be present at the organization of the Illinois Corps department which is an adjunct of the G. A. R. posts. Decatur ought to prepare for the accommodation of these ladies who will be in the city one night at least.

Let it be remembered that Jan. 1, 1884, was a crisp, snowy day, and that on the morning of the 21 the ice-crustured earth was covered with a mantle of white three inches thick. Sleighing is "boon."

All Skate!

Manager VanAllen had a big time at the roller skating rink last evening, and so did the many skaters who kept moving gracefully on the rollers in time to the music of the cornet band. Many of Decatur's best people were present as spectators. Skating to-morrow night.

About a Knife.

John Stabler will have a hearing before Justice Curtis to-morrow on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Mrs. Harris, who avers that her little boy was struck by John. The alleged assault grew out of a dispute about a knife. Constable McWhinney is the officer in the case.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Edgar Davies held watch-night services at Panna. He got home last evening.

Billy Buchanan is no longer connected with Geo. P. Miller's restaurant.

H. W. Hill sold nearly all of his Plymouth Rock chicks to V. Barber.

Mrs. A. T. Summers and child arrived home today from Lenoir.

Charles F. Armstrong, of Monticou county, is at the St. Nicholas today.

K. J. Forrest, of Lincoln, paid Decatur another official visit this week. He was a guest at the St. Nicholas while here.

Henry Flood, whose new brick house, 3 miles north is heated by steam, was in the city last evening on business.

Wm. Pluck will put up two cottages on his vacant lots on the corner of Eldorado and Church streets next spring. They will be for rent. Both will front north.

Joe V. Burroughs, of Moberly, Mo., who will return to that place this week, called last evening and renewed his subscription to the Hesperian.

John T. Montgomery got home from Hillsboro last evening, reaching the city by way of Panna. He predicted that the Bond case would be given to the jury at 12 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Ex-Gov. Oglesby, assisted by Mrs. J. E. Hall, Mrs. John D. Gillett, Mrs. Robert B. Latham, Mrs. Frank G. Miller, and the Misses Gillett, received calls from 1 to 5 p. m. at her home at Lincoln yesterday.

Captain Schlosser, of Cerro Gordo, is in the city to-day attending court. He has brought suit against Decatur for alleged damages in the sum of \$5,000 for injuries received from an alleged defective sidewalk.

Justice Corley visited Sullivan yesterday on business. People over there say the Lovington bank burst in a bad one, anywhere from \$15,000 to \$30,000 in the hole. Unless a party named Morrell can be made responsible the depositors will lose all their cash. Such is the talk.

Any man who makes a disgraceful exhibition of his temper and violates the laws of his town and state, should not be too particular what the people may say about him. He ought to be thankful that he is not on the chain gang or that he isn't given a fight every day in the week.

MARSHAL MASON last evening received a telegram from Mr. Scott at Blue Mound, stating that a party unknown left that town yesterday, going north with a pair of horses, which are supposed to have been stolen. The horses probably belong to Mr. Nicholson, of Rosemond, who lost a pair New Year's Eve. Efforts are being made to apprehend the stranger.

The Danville Daily News, on Jan. 1, was made an eight-column paper and came out in an entire new dress, besides cloning a new bond. The News looks brighter and better than ever, and we with all its patrons wish it another and many prosperous years.

PLEASE note the fact that Linn & Scruggs do not advertise goods in season as well as out of season at panic prices, as is common with competitors, and proof of incompetency or carelessness, and they are therefore the more entitled to the confidence of the public. They offer goods at the close of the season at greatly reduced prices. Jan 2-d&w

Keep Warm.

You can buy a good overcoat at John Lewis's White Front for \$2.50. Dec 23, d&w

Go to Dr. Thomas D. Hoskins to get your dental work done. Cor. Main and Water streets, Decatur, Ill. 21d

The Further Investigation of the Case of The People vs. Myron W. Tinkler.

The further investigation of the case of The People vs. Myron W. Tinkler, was to have commenced in Justice Lowry's court at 10 o'clock this forenoon. The defendant was on hand and waited until after 10 o'clock for Mrs. Rebecca Tinkler, the complainant, to put in an appearance, but she did not materialize, and the case against Mr. Tinkler, on motion of Mr. Dunn, was dismissed for want of prosecution. Mary Tinkler, who jumped out of a second story window, is much better today. Mr. Tinkler told a reporter that he is very sorry that his daughter jumped out of the window, and he also asserted that he is exceedingly aggrieved at what has occurred.

Charley Ramsey Held to Bail.

The case of the People against Chas. Ramsey was called up in Justice McGorray's court this forenoon in the presence of a "full house." Ramsey was charged by Wesley Funk with having stolen \$8.80 in small change from him at one time, and also with stealing \$9 in change from him at another time; John Ray also charged Ramsey with the larceny of a five dollar revolver. After hearing the evidence Ramsey was placed under \$200 bail in both cases for his appearance for trial in the circuit court, in default of which he was recommitted to the county jail. Ramsey had no attorney, and made no defense. Mr. Johns appeared for the people.

A Sad Mission.

This noon Mr. C. L. Griswold, of the hardware firm of Close, Griswold & Co., left for Albion, N. Y., to be present at the funeral of his father, Carlton C. Griswold, whose death occurred last evening at 5 o'clock, aged 78 years. The deceased was known to many of our people, as he had visited his son in Decatur at different times.

A Runaway.

George Knutrick came near being seriously injured this forenoon in front of postoffice block. A span of mules attached to a feed wagon, were running away dragging a hand cart along with them, when George rushed out into the street to stop the team. He slipped and came near falling under the wheels of the heavy wagon. The team was stopped, without doing much damage except to the cart. George's hat fell off when he tumbled in the snow and a big Newfoundland dog came along, picked it up, and had fun with it and George to the great amusement of the bystanders.

Given to the Jury.

The Emma Bond case was given to the jury at Hillsboro this forenoon. In our telegraph columns will be found the particulars of the Abner Bond suicide at Taylorville last evening.

The Conservatory Concert.

To-morrow (Thursday) night the Conservatory will give its initiatory concert at the opera house. Present indications are that it will be well attended. We hope it may. Our citizens should realize that in patronizing these entertainments Thursday and Friday nights they are aiding to build up a home institution, the need of which has long been felt. While the pupils of the Conservatory will participate largely in the exercises, no effort will be made to "bring out" any special one or more. The best talent in Decatur, professional and amateur, will assist and an enjoyable programme will be presented. Tickets now on sale at Curtis & Co's.

Artist Crucified.

This well-known portrait painter is at present engaged in doing artistic work for Mayor Chambers, Mr. J. E. Bering and other well-known citizens. He is kept quite busy every day.

10 Below.

The thermometer at the postoffice early this morning registered 10 below zero. If that thermometer is O. K. this has been the coldest day we have had this year.

Sociable Thursday Night.

The Universalist church sociable will be held to-morrow evening at the residence of Mr. B. G. Hatch, at No. 431 West Main street. All members and friends of the church are invited to attend.

Two Horses Stolen.

Thomas Miller, of Millersville, in Christian county, was in the city last evening trying to get on the track of a thief who on Monday night stole two 12-year old horses from Wm. M. Nicholson, one mile north of Rosemond, a town 16 miles southwest of Taylorville. One horse is a dark bay, 15 to 16 hands high, white hind feet, scar in forehead; the second horse has a light mane and tail, white spot on end of nose. Mr. Miller learned yesterday that the thief, who is described as a small man wearing a cap and light overcoat, was seen a few miles west of Blue Mound going north with the stolen horses.

The Burlesque Show To-Night.

The Levitts Boat-Sanitary burlesque party is in town and will appear to-night at the opera house. This is an outline of what will be presented: A musical interlude will open the ball. It is entitled "Our Social Club," and is replete with humor, comic and sentimental songs, followed by a strong olio of specialties, represented by European and American artists, among whom may be mentioned Miss Alice Townsend, the favorite operatic and burlesque artist, whose handsome presence, sweet voice and winning ways will entitle her to the leading position in this organization. Mr. Billy Chase, comedian; LaVerde Sisters, song and dance artists; M'Le Zittella, change-artist; Flynn and Swan, in their Irish specialties; "Zazel," aerial queen on high wire; Miss Virginia Johnson, serio-comic vocalist. The program also includes a sensational burlesque, founded on the Opera of Carmen, entitled "Don Jose" (the Spanish Dandy, with Miss Townsend as "Don Jose").

A Compliment.

By a unanimous vote of the members Comrade C. H. Kepley, special mastering officer for this district, was invited to go to Argenta last night and install the officers of the newly organized G. A. R. Post at that town. The Post also raised a neat sum to present Mr. Kepley, but he declined to accept it with many thanks. The officers were duly installed last night.

A New Teacher Secured.

Jacob Troutman states that the Seitz school in District No. 2 now has a new teacher in the person of Miss Osborne, of Decatur, who will smooch the bibulous W. G. Barnes. Mr. Troutman, who is one of the directors for the district, states that Miss Osborne will take charge of the school next Monday.

THE CLUB'S RECEPTION.

A New Departure in New Year Festivities.

The Brilliant Assemblage of Ladies that Embodied the Privileges of Leap Year.

Ordinarily the gentlemen celebrate New Year's Day by calling upon their lady friends and wishing them "many happy returns of the day," but 1884 happens to be Leap Year, when positions are supposed to be reversed and the ladies have the privilege of doing the calling, while the sterner sex can enjoy the unusual experience of receiving compliments and doing the agreeable.

The members of the Decatur Club, with a fine appreciation of the eternal fitness of things, and realizing how much more effective is combined effort than individual enterprise, resolved to signalize their removal to their elegant new quarters in Hawthorn Block by "keeping open house" on New Year's Day. The venture proved a grand success, and the members may congratulate themselves upon having given the most brilliant and successful reception known to the social annals of Decatur. The new rooms are an elegant suite of apartments on the third floor of the new block, embracing the entire west front, with an additional room on the south front. These rooms have been charmingly fitted up, the furniture and adornments being very elegant indeed.

The reception and card rooms have a rich moquette carpet, while the window hangings and portieres of damask and lace add to the general effect. The lampreines bear the monogram of the club wrought in gold and colors, and are models of beauty. The chairs and sofas in these rooms are richly upholstered, and in perfect keeping with the general furnishing. An elegant upright piano completes the furniture. The billiard room is less elaborately fitted up, but is nevertheless very neat and tasteful. For the occasion the reception and card rooms were decorated with festoons of evergreen, a bunch of natural flowers graced the center table, while mantels and windows were filled with the rarest and most beautiful hot house plants. The new opera house orchestra, stationed in an alcove, discoursed delightful music.

The reception hours were from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon, and from 7 to 11 in the evening. The president of the club, Mr. Chas. A. Ewing, met the callers as they entered the reception room, and gave to each a cordial greeting. The guests were asked to register their names in the club's register, after which each was presented with a slight favor as a token of the occasion. The members of the club were all assigned to duty as a reception committee, and guests were shown through the rooms and paid every polite attention. The billiard and pool tables were turned over to the visitors, and right wonderful were many of the shots made by hands all unused to the cue. Cards, chess, dominoes and draughts seemed to occupy the attention of others, while vocal music by ladies and gentlemen added to the interest of the evening.

Supper was spread in an adjoining room, the table being most charmingly laid, and the menu embracing everything tempting to the human appetite. During the entire evening the rooms were crowded, and if there were a more thoroughly delighted assemblage of people in Decatur, or one in which true sociability more generally prevailed, we do not recall it. The affair was most emphatically a success, in every sense of the word.

The toilets of the ladies were noticeably elegant, and many were unusually rich and elaborate. Many strangers visiting in the city were among the guests. The club did a most eminently wise and proper thing in selecting the committee which had charge of the supper and the table decorations. This matter was under the exclusive control of Messrs. E. D. Bartholomew, W. R. Abbott, B. Z. Taylor and John W. Olugton, and they gave convincing evidence of the fact that they "know how to keep a hotel"--from the guests' standpoint. No professional caterer could have done better.

The decorations of the rooms were in charge of Messrs. L. Burrows and J. E. Bering, of the house committee, and members and guests alike were profuse in their praises of artistic taste displayed.

The Circuit Court.

Judge Wilkin arrived in Decatur this noon from Marshall, and opened the circuit court at 1:30 p. m. Cases on the common law docket will be considered--the criminal cases Jan. 18th.

A New Year's Present.

Miss Mary Sparks, on New Year's day received a beautiful oil painting of herself, presented by "Uncle Dick," as Mary calls him. The painting was executed by our skillful artist, Mr. Richard Gruelle. Mary skipped and jumped, and "Uncle Dick" was happy.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers of the First M. E. Sabbath School for the ensuing year will be held at the church this evening, after the close of the prayer meeting. There should be a full attendance of officers, teachers and pupils.

I. O. O. F.

Decatur Lodge, No. 55, installed the following officers last night:

John H. Maury, N. G.
James H. Martin, V. G.
J. C. Leighton, R. S.
John B. Fielder, E. S.
(George Bussey, Treas.)

Fair of Pretty Pictures.

Mr. George Lower, the energetic excursion agent for the popular "Frisco" line, has received two elegant photo frames as a surprise New Year's gift. The presents give fine views of the "Diamond River Canyon," 300 feet deep, in the mountains of Arizona, and the "San Francisco Mountains," which beautiful scenes together with hundreds of others of equal grandeur and interest may be seen by the tourist taking the "Frisco" route for the Pacific slope. The pictures were taken in Denver and are nice enough to hang up in a parlor.

MARRIED.

At the personal residence of Stapp's Chapel, Jan. 1, 1884, by Rev. W. H. Webster, Mr. Isaac D. Lutz and Miss Anna Gabriel, both of Decatur.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Closing Quotations at L. C. Thompson's Commission Room at 4 p. m. of day.

Chicago, Jan. 2.
CORN--May Jan.: 54 1/2 Feb.: 54 1/2 May: 54 1/2
OATS--May Jan.: 31 1/2 Feb.: 31 1/2 May: 31 1/2
WHEAT--May Jan.: 81 1/2 Feb.: 81 1/2 May: 81 1/2
LARD--May Jan.: 10 1/2 Feb.: 10 1/2 May: 10 1/2
CAR LOTS--West, 200; corn, 75; oats, 15.

CLEARANCE SALE
—OF—
Fall and Winter Goods
LINN & SCRUGGS

Will dispose of Fall and Winter Goods from now until the 20th of February at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Farmers and Mechanics, as well as the people generally, can profit by the Reduction.

Hosiery, Gloves, Underwear, Cloaks, Shawls, Flannels, Blankets, Winter Dress Goods, Bleached and Brown Muslins, will show a marked difference in favor of the purchaser.

New Goods are received every day, so that our stock is kept fresh and complete in all departments.

—IN—
DRY GOODS, CARPETS, OIL CLOTHS, WALL PAPERS and WINDOW MATERIALS of every description.

LINN & SCRUGGS,
Agents for Butterick's Patterns and Old Dominion Buck Gloves.<

